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For: **High-Performance, Superscalar-Based Computer System With Out-Of-Order Instruction Execution**
Inventors: NGUYEN *et al.*
Our Ref: SP015.C17 (1397.028000H)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 listing **FIVE (5)** documents (1 page);
3. Copy of **FIVE (5)** cited documents as listed on Form PTO-1449; and
4. ONE (1) return postcard.

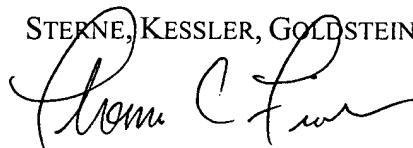
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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